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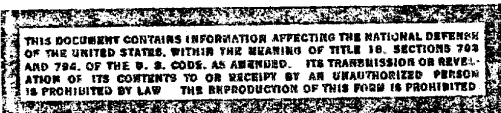
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1. All repair work, both electrical and mechanical, required by the "Geheimabteilung" of USIG, located on the second floor of Askania House, is carried out by Soviet workmen. No Germans are permitted to enter the area behind the armored door, that was installed in March 1953.
2. Attached is a memory sketch of the rooms which have been incorporated into the "Geheimabteilung" (First Department) of USIG. Source reported that the walls in the last room on the right hand side of the corridor leading from the guarded, armored door, had been sound-proofed, and an incinerator had been installed. Note also the second incinerator installed in the next to the last room on the right hand side of the corridor, and the fact that these two rooms are separated by another armored door. There is no means of entry or egress from the First Department other than past the armed Soviet soldier guarding the corridor entrance.
3. Source made the following comments about the special construction work in preparation of this building area prior to the move of the First Department to the second floor.
 - a) The walls between the main corridor rooms and the rooms labeled 3 and 7 were strengthened, and an armored door was installed to block off the main corridor.
 - b) The corridor walls of rooms labeled 2 and 3 were reinforced and are one continuous wall, unbroken by doors. The only entry to rooms 2 and 3 is via room 1, which has a normal door. Library type tables were moved into rooms 2 and 3. The purpose these rooms or the equipment were to serve was not known to source.
 - c) Rooms labeled 4 and 5: walls were sound-proofed. Entry to room 5 can be gained only by going through room labeled 4. Incinerators were installed on the walls facing the rear courtyard behind Askania House, as indicated on sketch, in both rooms 4 and 5. The door connecting rooms 4 and 5 is an armored door. Each room has only one window, which is covered with metal bars on the outside and which is also closed off at night with steel shutters which are closed on the inner side and locked. There is a wash-basin in room 4.

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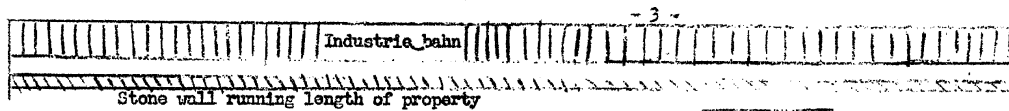
- d) No installations were made in the room labeled 6. The functions or use for room 6 was not known to source.
- e) The room labeled 7 was newly-constructed as a bathroom with toilet, stall shower and washbasin, for the use of the personnel in the First Department.

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House

Askania
House

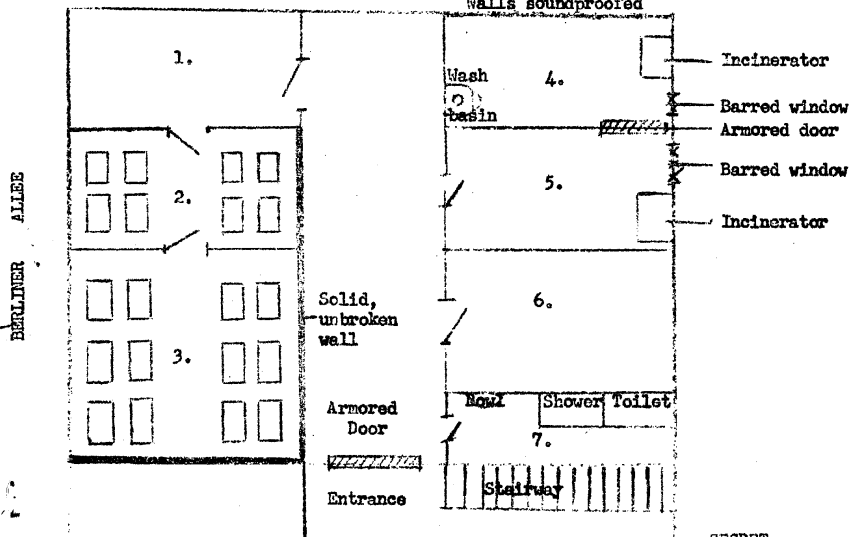
Courtyard

Source's Memory Sketch of
First Department, USIG
(Second floor of Askania House)

Driveway to Courtyard

Motor pool

Walls soundproofed



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